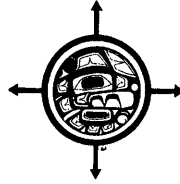


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### UNION OF B.C. INDIAN CHIEFS 34<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY VANCOUVER, B.C.

**Resolution no. 2002-19**

#### **Re: Joint Aboriginal Management Committee and Administrative Provincial Secretariat**

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD), by order of the BC Cabinet, has decided to decentralize the Ministry to a new governance structure based upon regional structures; and

**WHEREAS** that decentralization process includes the devolution of authority, and related annual budgets, for child protection services, and a range of non-mandatory programs and services for child, youth and family development; and

**WHEREAS** the Minister, MCFD has also committed to supporting the development of an Inter-Ministerial and Inter-Governmental approach to service delivery through the Regional Authorities; and

**WHEREAS** the Minister, MCFD has also committed to supporting the development of an Inter-Ministerial and Inter-Governmental approach to service delivery through the Regional Aboriginal Authorities; and

**WHEREAS** the development of Aboriginal governance structures may include the development of supportive provincial structures, such as a provincial Aboriginal "Secretariat" which would carry out communication and coordination activities on behalf of the Regions, the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, the First Nations Summit, the Metis Provincial Council of BC, the United Native Nations, and related stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS** the UBCIC prepared to engage with the process of creating these new Aboriginal governance structures to provide First Nations with the capacity to develop governance models other than the Delegated Authority model, which governs the current system; and

**WHEREAS** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, the First Nations Summit, the Metis Provincial Council of BC, and the United Native Nations have signed a Political Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Children and Family Development / the Government of BC, which establishes the Joint Aboriginal Management Committee (JAMC); and

**WHEREAS** the Tsawwassen Accord confirms our collective effort to reduce the number of children in care through the control of Aboriginal people in BC and has been signed by the Premier of BC.

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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chiefs in Assembly mandate the UBCIC to continue to provide political leadership to the development of Aboriginal governance structures for child and family services through the Joint Aboriginal Management Committee (JAMC) and related structures; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the UBCIC take action to ensure that the Ministry of Children and Family Development (MCFD) provide a level of resources that are adequate to the task of creating effective Aboriginal governance authorities on a timely basis to ensure that opportunities are not lost; and that

The UBCIC work an administrative structure for the provision of Secretariat services to the JAMC and the emerging Regional Aboriginal Authorities, and that the group be tasked with establishing a Provincial Aboriginal Secretariat that meets the needs of each Party.

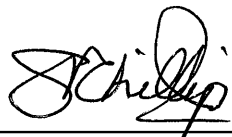
The preliminary work to be done within the next 6 months including the following:

- legal
- financial
- economic socio-analysis
- communications and research

**Moved:** Debbie Abbott, Proxy, Lytton First Nation  
**Seconded:** Chief Dewey Shackelly, Nooaitch Indian Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002

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